

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 6-8 are pending in the application. Claim 8 is canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added by this amendment and its entry and consideration is respectfully requested. In light of this amendment and the following remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and allowance of the pending claims to issue.

Allowed Claims

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 4, 6, and 7 are allowed.

Claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Rademacher et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5280113) in view of Wong et al. (Biochem. J. 300:843-850 (1994) in further view of Lee et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,807,943) and Wright et al. (*Trends Biotechnol.* 15:26-32 (1997)).

Claim 8 is canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby obviating this rejection. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

The points and concerns raised in the Final Office Action having been addressed in full herein, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Should there be any remaining concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expedite the prosecution of this application.

No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,



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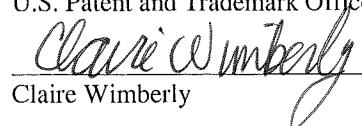
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